

Rock crawlers clean up BLM recreation area

Rock crawlers converged on the Glade Run Recreation Area north of Farmington on Saturday, September 4, hauling away trash and junk illegally dumped in the Glade.

“We really appreciate all the help and the great turnout this weekend,” said Brian Calhoun of the rock crawling group Degenerate Wheelers. “Everyone’s efforts to help keep the Glade Run Recreation Area clean will ensure that we can all enjoy the Glade for many years to come.”

Rock crawlers are those who like to maneuver their four-wheel drive vehicles over boulders and up the sides of canyons. Although the Degenerate Wheelers were the cleanup’s main organizers, other four-wheeling and rock crawling groups participated. Calhoun said he wanted to give all the participants credit for making Saturday’s cleanup a success.



Justin Valdez (left) and Jim Peterson help fill a dumpster during Saturday’s public lands cleanup in the BLM Glade Run Recreation Area.

The Glade is a Bureau of Land Management Farmington Field Office recreation area. Part of the recreation area is open to rock crawling and other off-road vehicle activities.

The “wheelers” as they call themselves, combed the Glade for trash and junk for four hours Saturday morning. Following the cleanup they hosted a noon barbecue of hamburgers and hot dogs at the Rocky Point picnic shelter in Farmington’s Lions Wilderness Park.

“There’s a lot of illegal dumping in the Glade and Saturday’s cleanup really made a difference,” said Joel Farrell, assistant field manager for the BLM Farmington Field Office.